



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, March 8th, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 537 *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Dean: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

✠ **Hymn 116** The God of Abraham praise *LEONI*

✠ Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy:

Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways,
and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith
to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word,
Jesus Christ your Son;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa 'Pange lingua' *Josquin des Prez (c. 1440-1521)*

All are invited to enter into a time of silent confession during the singing of the Kyrie.

Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy,*
Christe eleison, *Christ, have mercy,*
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

The Dean: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Lesson Romans 4, 13-25

Lector: A lesson from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 4, verses 13-25:

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") –in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem The Lake Isle of Innisfree *Jenny Chou (b. 1962)*

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;
Nine bean rows will I have there, a hive for the honey bee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace come dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

—William Butler Yeats (1865-1939)

Psalm 22, 23-31

♪ **Response** (*sung by all*)



Cantor: You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

People: *For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.*

Cantor: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People: *The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!*

Cantor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: *For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.*

Cantor: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
People: *before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.*

Cantor: Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
People: *and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it. ♪*

✘ **Gloria Patri** The Agincourt Hymn (*sung by all*)

DEO GRACIAS

*The music to this hymn is found on page 267 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 6.
The Agincourt fanfare precedes and follows the singing of the Gloria Patri.*

All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore,
Forever and forevermore.

✘ **Gospel Lesson** Mark 10, 17-27

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 10,
verses 17-27:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon "The Gaze of Love" Susan Forshey, Chapel Associate

✘ **Hymn (insert)** O God, beyond all praising THAXTED

Call to Prayer Lead Me, Lord (*sung by all*) LEAD ME, LORD

The music to this hymn is found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

Prayers of the People

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory Great God Almighty *arr. Jester Hairston (1901-2000)*

✠ **Presentation of the Gifts** (*sung by all*) CWM RHONDDA

The music to this hymn is found on page 577 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

✠ Offertory Prayer

✠ **Hymn 396** O Jesus, I have promised ANGEL'S STORY

✠ Benediction

Please remain standing until the procession has ended.

Postlude Concerto in B minor (after Vivaldi) *Johann Walther (1684-1748)*
I. Allegro

Following the service, all are invited to attend coffee hour downstairs in the Marsh Room.

*The preacher is Susan Forshey, Chapel Associate.
The service is read by Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The choir is In Choro Novo under the direction of Thérèse Provenzano.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.*

IN CHORO NOVO

Dr. Thérèse Provenzano, Conductor

Jenny Chou, Accompanist

Anna Allen	Jacie Feinberg	Earl Marmar
Tim Armour	Suzanne Fischer	Bonnie Matterand
Morrie Bailey	Dianne Dunn Greco	Monica Murray
Dana Basilone	Eric Greenberg	Ben Pannell
Peter Beaman	Anthony Ashley Gregory	Dale Parent
Debbie Bing	Lali Haines	JoAnn Parent
Frank Carrano	Amanda Hope	Susan Richelson
Josh Chopak	Rosa Kim	Mike Spellman
Caitlin Coit	Haley Kulow	Alexander White
Erica Cole	Shelley Lipschultz	Stewart Wood
Mike Ericson	Ann Maguire	Aileen Zogby

DR. THÉRÈSE PROVENZANO

Thérèse Provenzano, Doctor of Musical Arts, earned undergraduate honors degrees in her majors of Music, English, Biology and Education from Brandeis University; Master of Music degrees with high honors in both music education/conducting and piano performance and a Masters in Biology from the University of Michigan; and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Music Education from Boston University. She studied piano with pianist Paul Badera-Skoda in Vienna, received the Phyllis Lee Coffey Award in Music at Brandeis, was a Dean's scholar at Boston University, and, in 1999, was awarded the Distinguished Arts Educator in Music for the state of Massachusetts by the Alliance for Arts Education. In Winter 2001, Dr. Provenzano had the honor of studying with world-renowned musician/conductor, Sir Neville Marriner.

Dr. Provenzano is currently employed as Choral Director for the Weston Public Schools and The Community Chorus. She also adjudicates and conducts at state and national choral festivals and competitions.

In addition to her music, Dr. Provenzano also participates in whale research on Cape Cod and works with the rehabilitation of injured wild animals at Wild Care in Brewster.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boston University: Spring Recess: This week marks Boston University's Spring Recess. Accordingly, **all weekday activities are cancelled for this week** while students are away on break. The Marsh Chapel offices will be open this week, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Recognize an Influential Person in Your Life by **sponsoring an Easter Lily:** Help decorate the chapel on Easter with lilies in honor or memory of those who have shaped your life. All those who are honored or remembered will have their names listed in the Easter bulletin. If you are interested in purchasing in an Easter lily, please contact Elizabeth Fomby at efomby@bu.edu or 617.353.3560.

A Common Hope is now on sale: A printed collection of **Dean Hill's Fall 2008 sermon series** on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Get your copy for \$10. Please contact Elizabeth Fomby at efomby@bu.edu or at 617-353-3560.

On **March 17, at 6:00 p.m.**, Dr. Kathryn Pfisterer Darr, Professor of Hebrew Bible at Boston University School of Theology, will present the first of three lectures on "**Violence in the Hebrew Bible.**" The lecture will be held in Robinson Chapel on the lower level of Marsh Chapel. The three-part series will continue on March 24 and March 31. More information is available in the Marsh Chapel Termbook.

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
	*12:00 noon	"Speaking of Faith" Listening and Discussion Group (Dean Hill's Office)

Weekday Chapel activities have been suspended this week while students are on Spring Break. These activities will resume on Monday, March 16.

NEXT SUNDAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)
	*12:00 noon	"Speaking of Faith" Listening and Discussion Group (Dean Hill's Office)
	6:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)
	10:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Nave)

*"Speaking of Faith" is a weekly radio program airing on Sundays at noon on WBUR 90.9 AM. It follows the weekly Marsh Chapel broadcast.

WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL!

We thank you for joining us this morning for worship, and hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Marsh Chapel, or have other questions, please feel free to contact any of the Chaplains or Associates listed below.

◀ Hearing Assist System available –please ask an usher. 79.200 MHz

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The Chapel Office is open 9 am – 10 pm weekdays, and on Sunday Mornings.

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